



a letter from the pastor

Dear NAM Parishioners,
I really enjoy the pace of summer. It is a chance to read, get outside, vacation and not work too hard. I just looked at the parish sacramental statistical records from the past twelve months (Covid year ending June 30) and we have kept busy. We had 86 Baptisms, 150 First Holy Communions, 161 Confirmations, 31 Weddings, and 10 funerals. The numbers in the 100s were due to Covid postponements and doubling up. This past month, we had a very nice turnout for Fr. Fleck's farewell and the welcome of Fr. Wahlmeier and Deacon Liam. What a blessing to have so many come and show their love and appreciation for our clergy. It was a fun cookout/potluck. Sorry I did not get more brats from Hy-Vee.

We used every one of the 32 Saltdogs baseball tickets for our Altar Servers appreciation night. It was a lovely Friday night game which featured lots of scoring, fireworks and a torrential downpour. It was fun to get soaked to the bone and splash through the puddles. I think Deacon's car has dried out by now. Another trip to a Saltdogs game for Fathers & Daughters is in the works for Friday, July 30th.

The Deacon has been getting lots of experience at NAM. He has done an excellent job preaching daily Masses and teaching his Lex Orandi – Lex Credendi classes on Monday nights. He has Baptized children, attended lots of meetings (Parish Council, Stewardship, Finance Council, St. Vincent de Paul) and sacramental preparations. In addition to hanging with the clergy, he has learned from Julie, Connie, Sr. Janelle M.S. and has worked with the grounds crew.

We have about 30 children for Chess Camp this week, with all in good spirits along with our excellent instructors. Soon we will have another excellent crew of eight coming to N.A.M. to put on Totus Tuus. This begins Monday, July 19 for elementary students. We are very blessed to have this fun program for children. They learn about Mary, the Bible and the Sacraments. They also have fun with songs and being around other children and these inspirational young men and women. Please sign up! We also have VBS and a program in the evenings for High School.

May God bless your summer, Fr. Brian Connor

North American Martyrs school has openings in next year's full day preschool program. The program follows the NAEYC standards of education and will provide Catechesis of the Good Shepherd to the students as well. Please contact the school office for more information on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 402-476-7373.

Save the Date:

Friday, August 20, 2021
Martyrs Fellowship Fest

A parish gathering with food, drink, music, and fun!
6 - 10 PM



WELCOME to our new parishioners who registered in the month of June: **Flint Corliss, Michael Kurtenbach and Dana Grape.**
We welcome you to our family of faith.

TOTUS TUUS (Latin for "Totally Yours") is a summer Catholic catechetical program dedicated to the youth in order to evangelize and teach the faith of the Church. The aim is to help all youth develop their relationship with Jesus Christ.

The program calls upon college students and seminarians to carry out this mission. Those hired are trained and put onto teams to go out into a parish for one week during the summer, putting on a "parish mission" in order to teach the faith and inspire the young.

Totus Tuus is scheduled at Martyrs on **July 19-23**. The program for students entering 1st—8th grade is Monday—Friday, 9 am—3 pm. Registration forms are at the Parish Information Center or at <http://www.namartyrs.org/totus-tuus/>. \$25. Please register by July 9th.

Totus Tuus High School, Sunday, July 18—Friday, July 23. For incoming freshmen to recently graduated high school seniors. We will meet from 7:00—9:00 pm in the Kateri Room.

CCD at North American Martyrs is a program where you will learn about God, your Catholic Faith, and will prepare you for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Students in *first through eighth grade* who attend public schools or are homeschooled are invited and encouraged to participate. Classes meet on Wednesday evenings from 6—7:30 pm and will begin after Labor Day. You can find registration forms at the Parish Information Center or on our website. Please drop them in the Sunday collection basket or return them to the Office.



NAM Adult Faith Formation: Come and See. Jesus is asking each and every one of us: "What are you looking for?" As the disciples respond in John 1:38, so we as disciples say, "Teacher, where are you stay-

ing?" This verse expresses our ultimate desire to stay with, to know deeply, to encounter the one true God. For "this is Eternal Life, that they know You, the one true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." To anyone, Catholic or Non-Catholic alike, looking for a deeper understanding of the Faith—which is the beginning of Eternal Life—please *Come and See* us for nights of **discipleship, fellowship, and scholarship** as we journey through the Sacred Scriptures and Catechism of the Catholic Church in adult faith formation. We will **begin Thursday, Sept 9th at 6:30 pm**. Babysitting will be offered for children ages 2 and up. These evenings will also serve as **RCIA** for those **interested in joining the Catholic Church** this Easter. If someone you know is considering this in their heart, please kindly invite them as well to *Come and See*. Please, call or email the Parish Office to register.

July 2021

August.....

North American Martyrs Parish

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			7	8	9	10
11	12 6:30 pm Lex Orandi 7:00 pm Knights	13	14 6:00 pm SVDP	15	16	17 7 am Clean Church
18 1:00 pm Baptism Class	19 TOTUS TUUS WEEK 6:30 pm Lex Orandi	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 6:00 pm Grief Support 6:30 pm Lex Orandi	27	28 6:00 pm SVDP	29	30	31
1 (August)	2 12:30-6:30 pm Blood Drive	3	4	5	6	7



School Calendar

July 14 Used Uniform Sale at NAM;
3:00 pm—6:00 pm

July 18—23 Totus Tuus



CCD Calendar

2021-22 CCD Registration forms for
Grades 1—8 are available at the
Parish Information Center.